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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: HANVEYS VS. AMENIGER CONSTRUCTION ONDO STATE

1. IN EIGHT-PAGE LETTER TO AMBASSADOR A CALIFORNIA COUPLE, HAROLD AND EUGENIA HANVEY, COMPLAINED THAT AN AMERICAN CONTRACTOR WORKING IN AKURE, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA, RECRUITED THEM WITH CLAIMS WHICH CAUSED THEM TO GIVE UP THE AMERICAN JOBS, SELL THEIR HOME, INCURE EXPENSES AND LOAN CONTRACTOR DOLLARS 1,500. UPON ARRIVING AKURE IN APRIL, MR. HANVEY FOUND THAT MOST OR ALL CONTRACTOR'S CLAIMS WERE EXAGGERATED OR UNTURE AND THAT JOB AS PROMISED DID NOT EXIST. HE RETURNED TO U.S. LOAN REMAINS UPaid. LETTER ASKED ANY HELP EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE.

2. PLEASE TELEPHONE FOLLOWING TO HANVEYS AT 914 W. WASP, RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA 93555 TELEPHONE (714 377-5454: EMBOFF VISITED CONTRACTOR, CHARLES B. KRUSE, IN AKURE JUNE 11 AND FOUND HIM RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS COMPLAINT. GIST HIS STATEMENT IS THAT HE WAS OVER-OPTMISTIC RATHER THAN FRAUDULENT. SAID BUSINESS GOING SLOWER THAT EXPECTED HANVEYS DO NOT UNDERSTAND SITUATION AND ARE IMPATIENT. EMBOFF UNABLE EXTRACT PROMISE PAY LOAN. EMBASSY VERY SYMPATHETIC BUT LEGALLY POWERLESS. IF HAVERYS, AND CONTACT ENFORCEABLE IN U.S.
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LEGAL ACTION MIGHT BE BEST COURSE.

3. COMMENT: THIS CASE UNFORTUNATELY ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL ARISING FROM GROWING AMERICAN INTEREST IN NIGERIAN CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES
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COMMON CHARACTERISTICS ARE CONTRACTOR WHO IS POORLY QUALIFIED OR WHO UNDERESTIMATES CHALLENGES HERE AND WORKERS WHO DO NO INVESTIGATE

RECRUITING CLAIMS. FORTUNATELY MOST DO NOT GO AS FAR IN HOLE AS
HANVEYS CLAIM TO HAVE DONE. WHENEVER ASKED, STATE AND COMMERCE
DEPARTMENTS SHOULD CAUTION AMERICANS CONSIDERING INVESTING OR
WORKING IN NIGERIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS
MADE BEFORE GETTING TOO INVOLVED. SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS OFTEN WOULD
AVOID UNNECESSARY PROBLEMS. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED ASSIST.
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